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FOR: IN-VITRO METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A HOMOLOGOUS

STENTED TISSUE-ENGINEERED HEART VALVE

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 25, 2008

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 25, 2008, Applicant submits this Amendment and Response. This response should be timely if filed on or before July 25, 2008 with a Petition for Three Months Extension of Time and Appropriate Fee. A Request for Continued Examination is filed, herewith, with the appropriate fee. Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicant believes no further fee is due at this time; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 28558-501, Customer No. 30623.

Amendments to the claims are shown in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.